

PEOPLE'S PULPIT... PALM SUNDAY THE LOST OPPORTUNITY

Little did the Jews understand the momentous importance to them of the event which Christians commemorate on Palm Sunday. It will be remembered that the incident occurred at the close of our Lord's ministry—three and a half years after his baptism at Jordan and five days before his crucifixion. The Jewish Sabbath had been spent in rest at Bethany. Lazarus, whom Jesus awakened from the sleep of death, with his sisters Mary and Martha, prepared for Jesus a banquet, and when the Sabbath closed the supper was eaten. It was at that time that Mary brought forth the box of perfume, spikenard very valuable, and thereupon anointed our Lord's head and feet. It was the same occasion on which Judas, in a wrong spirit, had murmured against this expression of her loving devotion; that it was a waste; that preferably the money should have been given to the poor. It was then that the Master defended Mary and announced that the anointing was for his burial (which occurred later the same week), and suggested to the disciples, "The poor ye have all ways with you. And whosoever ye will ye do them good; but me ye have not always."

The next morning, the first day of the week, corresponding to our Sunday, Jesus made ready for his triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem as the Jewish King, according to the custom of the Jewish kings riding upon an ass and hailed and acclaimed by the populace. The incident had been foretold by the Prophet Zechariah in great detail, saying, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, thy King cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass" (Zechariah ix, 9).

Prophecy Must Be Fulfilled. When the apostles had brought the ass and Jesus sat thereon, the large concourse of people (which had come from Jerusalem to see Jesus because of his awakening of Lazarus) shouted aloud. They were filled with enthusiasm and, after the manner of the time, some broke off palm branches for the ass to step upon; others laid their garments in the way and thus formed, as it were, a carpet in the road leading to Jerusalem near by. The shout of the people was just as the prophet had declared. They hailed Jesus as the promised Son of David, the Messiah long waited for. On previous occasions, when they sought to make Jesus a king, after witnessing his marvelous works, he withdrew himself from them, to wait for their aid to cool, knowing that the Father's time was not yet due. But now he knew that his hour was come and hence, instead of hindering, he helped on with the enthusiasm by sending for the ass, etc. Prominent sectarians Jesus present, although unable to account for the miracle, were unprepared to think of Jesus as the true Messiah, or anything short of an impostor in that role. When these heard the multitude shouting and addressing Jesus as the Messiah they were offended and sent word to Jesus that he should restrain the ignorant people who were thus acclaiming him.

But instead of forbidding the ovation Jesus intimated that it was the proper thing, that because the Prophet Zechariah (ix, 9) said, "Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!" therefore there must be a shout. If the people had not shouted, rather than have the prophecy go unfulfilled, Jesus said the very stones would have cried out.

Enroute to Jerusalem Jesus halted the ass and the procession at the top of the Mount of Olives and, overlooking the Holy City, wept while he pronounced his sentence upon it—Unworthy! Unappreciative! As the evangelist declares, "Israel knew not the time of her visitation." The time for Israel to receive the King had come and they were not only ignorant of the matter collectively, but they were not in the heart condition to understand or appreciate. Jesus cried, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matthew xxiii, 37). For three and a half years he and his faithful apostles had been declaring that the Kingdom of God was at hand; that the people should repent and believe the good message. And even six months in advance of this John the Baptist and his disciples had similarly preached.

After those four years of faithful preaching throughout the length and breadth of Palestine, the nation was apparently as unprepared for Jesus as at the first. Hence our Lord's following words, "Therefore I say unto you, Your house is left unto you desolate! Ye shall see me no more until that day when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!" That day has not yet come. Meantime the Jewish nation was there cast off from fellowship with God, as the prophet declares, "Because they knew not the time of their visitation." Israel has been outcast from national favor for more than eighteen

may abide the day of his presence, and who shall stand when he appear-eth? for he is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap; and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord acceptable sacrifices" (Malachi iii, 2, 3).

Both Houses of Israel. Natural and Spiritual Israel are contrasted. The Lord through the Prophet foretold that Messiah would be "for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel"—to Natural Israel and to Spiritual Israel. We have seen how the first house stumbled on that Palm Sunday—celebrated today. They stumbled "because they knew not the time of their visitation"—they did not know that the time had come for the establishment of the Kingdom; hence they were not alert to their privileges and failed to be in the proper condition of heart to receive the blessings. Or, we might state the matter reversely and say that those who did not know and did not accept Messiah, were those whose hearts were not in the right condition, else they would not have been left in darkness (I Thessalonians v, 4).

Many things indicate to us, now, that we are living in a time corresponding to that Palm Sunday. Many things imply that Christendom is now undergoing its great test and that only the fully consecrated of heart and life will be accepted of the Lord as his "Jewels" and be granted a share with Christ in his Kingdom. Many things imply that we are now in the time when the true people of God are being divided into two classes, as pictured for us by our Lord in the parable of the Wise and the Foolish Virgins. As only the Wise Virgins were prepared to enter into the marriage, so only the consecrated ones, the polished jewels of the Lord, will be accepted as fit for the Kingdom and be granted a share in the glorious resurrection change which will precede the great time of trouble, in which the Foolish Virgins class, although not of the world, will participate with the world.

True, that great time of trouble will usher in the glorious Millennial dispensation, in which the Church in glory with the Great Redeemer will pour out upon all mankind the wonderful restitution blessings which God has promised by the mouth of all the holy prophets (Acts iii, 19-23). True, the Foolish Virgins may subsequently get the oil and subsequently have a glorious future, but they will lose the choice place of Divine favor and blessing. They cannot be of the "Bride" class, but will receive their blessing under the figure of "the virgins her companions that follow her" (Psalm xiv, 14).

It is in order for all of God's people who now get awake from the slumber of worldliness which has long stupefied them, to join hearts and voices in a great shout—the shout that the Kingdom is at hand! The shout of Hosanna to the Son of David! And that the time is at hand for the fulfillment of the passage, "Gather together my saints unto me, saith the Lord; those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. They shall be mine, saith the Lord, in that day when I come to make up my jewels" (individually) (Malachi iii, 17).

"See That Ye Refuse Not Him." As the Jewish nation was not ready to receive Jesus as its King, on that first Palm Sunday, neither is Christendom now ready to receive him at his second advent. As it was, only the "Israelites indeed," in whom was no guile, that then knew the voice of the Shepherd, so it will be here an individual matter. The Laodicean period of the Church's history is upon us (Revelation iii, 17). The Nominalism of our day is fully portrayed by our Lord's words. Christendom boasts that she is rich and increased in goods and has need of nothing; and knows not that she is poor and miserable and blind and naked. The Lord now stands at the door and knocks. He offers himself to the "Israelites indeed." Ours is Palm Sunday in the highest sense of all. How are we receiving the great blessings which he offers? Do we hear his knock? Have we opened our hearts? Are we searching his Word and listening for his voice and seeking to know and to do his will in all things? To all such very shortly, we believe, will come the greater and fuller Pentecostal blessing—the resurrection "change," from the glory of character merely to the glory of person as well, when we shall see our Redeemer as he is, and share his glory. As St. Paul says, "See that ye reject not him that speaketh from heaven!" Greater light, greater privilege, greater blessing everywhere are ours than were those enjoyed by the Jews at our Lord's first advent. These privileges and blessings are our tests. Let us be faithful. Let us present our bodies living sacrifices and with renewed zeal seek to glorify our Lord in our bodies and our spirits, which are his (I Corinthians vi, 20).

Those who have the eyes to see and the ears to appreciate the voice now speaking from heaven should be alert to hail him Lord of all—to accept him as their Redeemer and King and voluntarily to present themselves to him and his service—not waiting for the time when he shall reveal himself in power and great glory to the world in general. The Lord is now looking for saints, for overcomers, valiant, faithful, persevering, and thoroughly devoted to him, to his Cause of Righteousness, and thoroughly opposed to sin and especially active in overcoming its domination in their own bodies. Such the Master pictures as his joint-heirs, priestly kings, sitting with himself in his Throne of glory and world dominion.

NOTED Case In Ashland Co. Dismissed In Circuit Court

Involved Disbarment Proceeding Against Devor

Dropped At The Instance Of Judge Campbell

Who Was Responsible For Action Being Started

Other Notes Of Interest From Temple Of Justice

The matter of the removal or disbarment of William T. Devor, as an attorney-at-law, specifications and motion for which were filed by Judge Robert M. Campbell some months ago for the consideration of circuit judges of this the Fifth judicial district, was dismissed by them.

The case was called for hearing Tuesday morning, but as Judge Devor, the defendant, was absent, it was continued. However, at the afternoon session Attorney C. C. Chapman appeared for the defendant and stated that the defense was not present when continuance of the case was asked and defense desired the case to proceed.

Presiding Judge M. H. Donahue stated that Mr. Devor was the present judge of the common pleas court and should have his hearing, if he so desired. The court, therefore, gave notice that the case of disbarment against Judge Devor would be up for hearing at this session.

The court was late in adjourning for the day, but on Tuesday evening the Devor case again came up, when Judge Campbell was instructed to have his case prepared for hearing on the following day. Judge Campbell arose and informed the court that the case could be dismissed, which was accordingly done.

Judge Campbell had filed five specifications and motions against Judge Devor, in which he stated that "prior to his election as common pleas judge on Nov. 3, 1908, and since that time, he has been publicly charged with misconduct in his office of attorney-at-law, and conduct involving moral turpitude which charges he has not denied, refuted nor explained." The relation, therefore, for the purpose of inquiry into the truthfulness or the contrary of said charges presented the specifications, all of which were published in full in the Times-Gazette at the time they were filed.

Judge Campbell had prayed the court to appoint a committee to take such action as may be authorized by law in the premises and upon final hearing that William T. Devor may be removed from his office of attorney and counsellor at law.—Ashland Times-Gazette.

The King Estate. Mary Agnes King of Howard has been appointed executrix of Albert King. No bond. The appraisers are G. B. Robinson, J. O. McArtor and William Thomas.

Distributive Account. L. B. and Wm. A. Ackerman, executors of Matilda Ebersole, have filed a distributive account in probate showing the following: Balance for distribution \$3,144.45.

Marriage License. Ernest C. Chalfant, laborer, Fredericktown, and Blanche May Jenkins, Mt. Vernon.

Deeds Filed. Miles J. Fish to V. Glenn Fish, north one-half lot 324 Hamtramck's Add. to city, \$1. Thomas J. Bradfield to John Kelley, 97.77 acres in Union, \$7,000. Clara A. McManna to Walter Hess, lot 34 H. B. Curtis Add. to city, \$900. Omer P. Rowley to Bert E. Zedaker, 65.37 acres in Berlin, \$6,537. Ora L. Fletcher to Earl McDermott, 17 acres in Monroe, \$1.

FOUR KILLED

Gary, Ind., March 18—Four persons were killed and several injured in a wreck on the Chicago and Indiana Southern Railway at the outskirts of this city today. The wreck was caused by the engine jumping the track. The victims were a fireman and one of the brakemen and two unidentified women.

SERIOUS Injuries Sustained By Sixteen Year Old Boy

By Being Kicked On Head By A Horse

Walked Some Distance With Fractured Skull

Gambler, O., March 18—G. W. Allen, a 16 year old boy, living on the farm of Mrs. Martha Biggs, four miles south east of this place, was kicked on the head by a horse yesterday afternoon. The boy was engaged in hauling manure and was in the field at the time the horse kicked him. He walked to Mrs. Biggs house and upon arriving there fell over in an unconscious condition. Dr. Welker of this place and Mrs. Scott, Larimore and Eley of Mt. Vernon were summoned. An examination by the doctors revealed that the boy's skull was fractured and there were other injuries about the head. He was taken to a hospital in Mt. Vernon on the evening train for surgical attention.

NOTES Of General Interest From The Gas Field

(Utica Herald)

The Great Expectation Oil Co. of Bremen has paid dividends of 300 per cent in 30 days.

The Everett company got a volume of 1 1/2 millions on Wm. Woodruff, two miles south of Martinsburg.

The Halsey company has the tools going on three wells southeast of Granville—Andy Deeds, Mrs. McCrae and Wm. Lee leases, and is about to start on the Nan Showman lease. The Ohio Fuel Supply Co. has just surrendered its lease of the A. J. Hanna 30 acres a short distance south of town, after holding it some seven or eight years and paying nearly \$1,500 rental. No well has been drilled upon it.

SEVERELY Injured Was William Swingle's Thursday Evening

William Swingle, who is employed at the Bridge works, met with some severe injuries while at work Thursday evening near five o'clock. He was working in company with several other men when he was accidentally struck on the forehead and nose with a sharp piece of iron. The metal inflicted an ugly cut above his eyes and across the bridge of his nose. Surgical assistance was immediately summoned and the wounds were dressed.

SOCIETY NOTES

Surprise Party For Miss Fowls. Miss Alice Fowls, "Lakeholm," was tendered a very pleasant surprise Thursday evening when a number of her schoolmates came in to help celebrate her birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in games and music and light refreshments were served. The guests present were: Almada, Carrie and Paul Vanvooris; Mabel Grace and Homer Morrison; Clarence, Otto and Felix Ransom; Eva Edna and Ralph Loyd; Bertha and Pearl Shultz; Jennie Cline, Rolla Workman and Clara Van Voorhis. The guests presented the hostess with a burnt wood set.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES. M. P. SOCIETY. The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the M. P. church met in the church parlors Thursday afternoon. The president, Mrs. P. G. Dowler, was in the chair. The program was in charge of Mrs. Ellen Fry. After the business session the following interesting program was given: Two papers on Japan—Miss Ella Black and Mrs. H. L. Ransom. Vocal Solo—Mrs. Henry Bowman. Recitation—Miss Cleo Colie. Paper, "Systematic Giving"—Mrs. Squires. Vocal Solo—Mrs. Henry Bowman.

Prosecutor Pierre P. Garven, Active Foe of the Beef Trust



In the front rank of the men who have been fighting the beef trust recently is Pierre P. Garven, prosecutor of Hudson county, N. J., whose efforts have resulted in the indictment of the beef trust's officials and employees. Mr. Garven's reputation as a fighter insured his perseverance in the course laid out by him. He is thirty-seven years old and a resident of Bayonne, N. J.



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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Board of Commissioners of Knox County, Ohio, as soon as sufficient funds are available for such purpose, to rebuild the bridges of the county destroyed by the recent floods to-wit: The Balcon Bridge, College township; the Troutman Bridge, Harrison township; and the joint Licking-Knox bridge, Milford township. All to be rebuilt on or near the old or former location.

Any and all persons may appear before said Board at the office of said Board of Commissioners at the Court House in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in person, by petition for, or remonstrance against such improvement, and be heard on any Monday prior to the letting of the contracts for said improvements.

By order of the Board of Commissioners of Knox County, Ohio. IRVIN YOUNG, Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of said Board. 3-15-22, 23, 24-58

BRIDGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Knox county will offer at public sale on the ground to the highest bidder, the Mitchell Bridge, Milford township, 1 1/4 miles west of Lock, Thursday, March 24, 1910, at 1 p. m.

Terms of sale—cash. IRVIN YOUNG, Clerk Ex-Officio. 3-11, 18, 22 S

PACKING HOUSES OPPOSE RATE INCREASE

Chicago, March 19—Tomorrow is the day fixed by the western railroads for putting into effect the new schedule of increased rates on packing-house products. The increase is to apply to all the Missouri river cities with the exception of Kansas City. The packing-house interests and commercial organizations of St. Paul, Omaha, St. Joseph and Sioux City have protested against the proposed increase in rates on the ground that it is a discrimination in favor of Kansas City.

Mr. A. F. Smalley went to Findlay, O., today to attend the funeral of a former neighbor, Mr. R. W. Boyd.